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**BLACKBURN ROVERS** 

WEDNESDAY 16th MAY 1990 KICK OFF 7.45 p.m.





OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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### MARTYN SMITH'S MATCHFACTS



Martyn Smith

v NEWCASTLE UNITED on WEDNESDAY APRIL 25th 1990 at ST JAMES PARK BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

### WEATHER CONDITIONS: Dry. Newcastle Team:

Burridge

- Scott
- Stimson
- Aitken
- Anderson
- Ranson
- Brock
- Dillon
- Ouinn
- In McGhee
- Kristensen

### SWINDON TOWN SUBSTITUTES:

12 Simpson/not used

14. Cornwell/not used

### NEWCASTLE SUBSTITUTES:

O'Brien/not used

14 Bradshaw/not used SWINDON TOWN BOOKINGS:

Foley (23 min)

Gittens (48 min)

**NEWCASTLE BOOKINGS:** 

Stimson (59 min)

McGhee (67 min)

FIRST HALF DURATION:

44 minutes 50 seconds SECOND HALF DURATION:

45 minues 47 seconds

GOALS:

Swindon Town

None

Newcastle

None

GOAL ATTEMPTS ON TARGET:

Swindon Town:

Gittens (44 min)

McLoughlin (85 min)

Newcastle: Anderson (21 min)

McGhee (58 min)

Kristensen (74 min)

CORNERS:

First Half:

Swindon Town

Newcastle

Second Half:

REFEREE: D. Phillips

LINESMEN: B. Lowe and T. Moore.

v MIDDLESBROUGH on SATURDAY APRIL 28th 1990 at THE COUNTY GROUND BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Dry and sunny Middlesbrough Team:

Pears

- Cooper
- Phillips
- Kernaghan
- Coleman Ripley
- Slaven
- Proctor
- Baird
- 10 Kerr Davenport

SWINDON TOWN SUBSTITUTES:

- 12 Simpson/Foley (61 min)
- Hockaday/Kerslake (75 min)

### MIDDLESBROUGH SUBSTITUTES:

12. Brennan/not used

4 McGhee/not used

SWINDON TOWN BOOKINGS:

MIDDLESBROUGH BOOKINGS:

Kernaghan (22 min)

FIRST HALF DURATION:

45 minutes 51 seconds

SECOND HALF DURATION:

47 minues 4 seconds

GOALS:

Swindon Town

Foley (50 min, 2 sec) Middlesbrough

Slaven (26 min, 53 sec)

GOAL ATTEMPTS ON TARGET:

White (14 min)

Shearer (70 min)

McLoughlin (73 min)

Middlesbrough:

Ripley (7 min)

Ripley (34 min) Kerr (48 min)

Baird (59 min) CORNERS:

First Half:

Swindon Town

Second Half:

REFEREE: R Nivon

LINESMEN: G. Barter and A. Bunce.

### v STOKE CITY on SATURDAY MAY 5th 1990 at THE VICTORIA GROUND BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Middlesbrough

# WEATHER CONDITIONS: Dry and hot

- Stoke Team:
- Noble
- Butler Fowler
- Beeston
- Blake
- Wright Boughey
- Ware
- 10 Biggins Scott

### SWINDON TOWN SUBSTITUTES:

- Simpson/Jones (68 min)
- Shearer/Cornwell (85 min) STOKE SUBSTITUTES:
- 12. Gallimore/Fowler (45 min) 14. Sale/Wright (76 min)

SWINDON TOWN BOOKINGS:

MIDDLESBROUGH BOOKINGS:

None

FIRST HALF DURATION:

45 minutes 42 seconds SECOND HALF DURATION:

44 minues 13 seconds GOALS:

Swindon Town

Shearer (13 min 6 sec)

Stoke

Ellis (12 min. 5 sec)

GOAL ATTEMPTS ON TARGET:

Swindon Town: Kerslake (| min)

Foley (2 min)

White (34 min) McLoughlin (51 min)

Foley (59 min) Stoke:

None

CORNERS:

First Half: Swindon Town

Second Half:

REFEREE: T. Holbrook LINESMEN: P. Brookes and J. Highman.

Banbury

Stoke

26 April 1990

Dear Ossie

Newcastle United v Swindon Town 25th April 1990

Together with about 200 other 'Town' fanatics 1 made the long trek to Tyneside vesterday in the hope that our heroes could show the 'Magpies' that their march towards Division One is not a mere formality, whilst at the same time securing a play-off position (or even better) for

Swindon. We were not disappointed! As well as facing the significance of the match result to both Clubs, 'Town' found them. selves on centre stage of a St James Park 'Geordie' cauldron which was not a place for faint hearts! Indeed, they faced a relentless surge of North Eastern enthusiasm, passion and pride, and matched it with tremendous determination, skill and all-round teamwork which made us justly proud of their achievements The 0-0 result does not openly convey the excitement of an occasion which was pure theatre' and a truly magnificent advertisement for all that is good in football. Needless to say the journey back to the West Country did not seem half as tiring as it might otherwise have been; all visiting fans agreed that the trip had been totally worthwhile and the occasion will

live in our memones for a long time Irrespective of our final League placing. 1 know other fans would wish to join me in congratulating 'Ossie', the Players and Staff for the quality of performance and commitment shown at Newcastle and indeed for the consistent excellence for all that they have done to enhance the good name of football and the reputation of Swindon Town FC on the field of play during the past season. They have given us much joy and pride. Well done and thank you!

> Yours sincerely Geoff James



AND SWINDON TOWN.

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	Total	League Div. 2	L'woods Cup	F.A. Cup	Cup
Ossie Ardiles	0 + 2	0 + 2		_	
Paul Bodin	50 + 3	38 + 3	8	1	3
Colin Calderwood	58	46	8	1	3
Shaun Close	4+11	4 + 7	0 + 4	-	-
John Cornwell	4+21	2 + 17	2+3		0 + 1
Kevin Dearden	1	1	-		-
Fraser Digby	57	45 +	8	1	3
Steve Foley	27 + 3	20 + 3	3	1	3
Tony Galvin	6+8	6+5	0+3	-	-
Ion Gittens	52	40	8	1	3
Dave Hockaday	15 + 10	11 + 9	4	0 + 1	-0
Paul Hunt	2+ 4	2 + 2	0+2	-	4
Tommy Jones	53 + 2	43 + 1	6+1	1	3
David Kerslake	34	28	2	1	3
Ross Maclaren	58	46	8	1	3
Alan McLoughlin	57 + 3	46	7+1	1	3
Duncan Shearer	54	42	8	1	3
Fitzroy Simpson	25 + 12	19 + 11	6+1	_	
Nicky Summerbee	0 + 1	0 + 1	-	-	-
Steve White	53 + 1	42 + 1	7	- 1	3

Leigh Barnard (now Cardiff City) 5 appearances. Phil King (now Sheffield Wednesday) 17 appearances, 1 goal

Tim Parkin (now Port Vale) 6 appearances, 1 goal.

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Play-Off Winners 1987

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Semi-Finalists: 1910, 1912

F.A. Charity Shield

Semi-Finalists: 1911

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Finalists 1964

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Good evening ladies and gentlemen, welcome to you all. We welcome Blackburn Rovers, their officials and supporters to the County Ground today and congratulate their Manager Don Mackay for reaching a play-off position for the third year running. This is a great achievement, although we aim to make sure it's not the third time lucky. Let us hope the match will provide as much entertainment as that splendid game on last Boxing Day when we ran out 4-3 winners, this after conceding two early goals.

of action and excitement with plenty of goals.

a dull place to watch football and this is how it should be. This season we have encountered some difficult times, none more so than recently. I would like to commend the players for their stirling efforts throughout, under the inspired leadership of Colin Calderwood. Every top team has its leader and we surely have one. May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your excellent support this

providing you with a season full numbers at Stoke. It was a great occasion for the Club and one I thoroughly enjoyed. The atmos-The County Ground is never phere at the match was one of healthy rivalry between the two groups of supporters. There was plenty of noise but no violence and this is how football should

> Congratulations to Paul Bodin on graduating to the full Welsh squad, just reward for all Paul's hard work.

> Well done also to Alan Mc-Loughlin for being selected for the Irish squad, even though he was playing for us in the match at Newcastle. I am sure this will not effect Alan's chances of going to Italy for the World Cup. I know Tony Galvin, who has recently undergone a back operation, would be very happy to swap places with Alan if Alan was selected.



# Ossie Ardiles

Naturally we will be doing season. our utmost to move through to Wembley and a final play-off manager I have gained great place. Whatever the result, you the supporters can be sure of some positive attacking football. We believe this is the type of football that will take us forward into the First Division. If we do fail in achieveing our so than tonight! ultimate goal, then at least we

During my first season as pleasure from the way I have been received by all Swindon Town supporters. I acknowledge and applaud your support. Keep up the good work the boys need your support never more

A few words of praise for all can derive some comfort from of you who turned up in large



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• Fraser Digby - Made a brilliant save at Blackburn.

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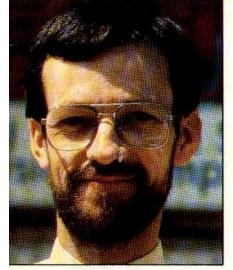
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# Paul Plowman

Today the curtain comes down on vet another season at the County Ground and another that has, through the innovation of the play-off system, brought welcomed additional revenue to the club. It gives me the chance to look back on a season that has been eventful to say the least, both on and off the field. As too much has already been said - and written - on activities off the park. I shall be concentrating on the action on it.

## OMEN

If Steve White does not finish as top goalscorer, he can count himself very unlucky. The last time that a tally of 25 goals for the Town didn't land the honour was in 1962/63, when Jack Smith was second to Ernie Hunt's 27. Swindon were promoted that season - an omen?

when Jon Gittens scored their and Steve White,-scored twice! first League goal there in seven the first in eight League meet- fortunates.

first time that they had pre- in February. vented the Town from scoring at home.

ago was their first at Swindon in fourteen attempts - the last being in November 1954.

### LONGEST

The mammoth Littlewoods Cup tie with Bolton was the first time that any Cup tie involving the Town had extended to four games - and at 450 minutes, it was the longest tie in the history Leicester. of the competition.

The Southampton tie also went into the Town record book as the one that took the longest to complete - 48 days. This time it was the wonderful weather that caused the delay.

Against bottom club Stoke in November, it was a case of double measures. In each of their last five home games the Town had scored three goals. And in the previous two visits by the Potteries club. Swindon had scored three times with a home striker collecting two est ever final League position.

Swindon broke a 'duck' at goals. This time they hit six and Ewood Park on Easter Monday both strikers - Duncan Shearer

Mick Stockwell's own goal at visits. The point gained at Sun- the County Ground in October derland in December was also was the third conceded by an their first in seven trips and that Ipswich player in the last four at Newcastle last month the first meetings at Swindon. Mick in three. The victory over cham- McNeil (1964) and Ian Cranson pions Leeds in February was (1987) were the other two un-

The fastest goal of the 58 A.F.C. Bournemouth's victory games in which Swindon Town at Swindon in December was featured prior to the play-offs, their first at the County Ground came from Blackburn's Simon in eleven meetings. Sheffield Garner in 25 seconds on Easter United's win five days later was Monday. Kenny Black of Portstheir first-ever here - and the mouth was a close second (32)

RECORD

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### EARLIEST

Brighton's victory five weeks The earliest by a Town player was timed at 3 minutes 56 seconds, by Duncan Shearer at The Hawthorns just before Christmas.

> That game also saw the home side awarded three penalties in the space of seven minutes. Only one was successful. It was Swindon's turn to miss two spot-kicks in March, against

Steve Foley's goal against Middlesbrough was the Town's 100th of the season in League and Cup competition.

The midfielder's injury at the beginning of March brought to an end a run of 21 consecutive matches that Swindon had fielded the same eleven players by far the best sequence ever recorded in club history.

And the scheduled season closed with the Town squeezing into fourth place in the Second Division table - the club's high-

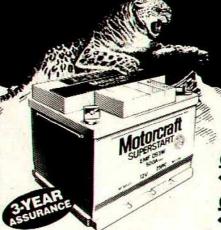


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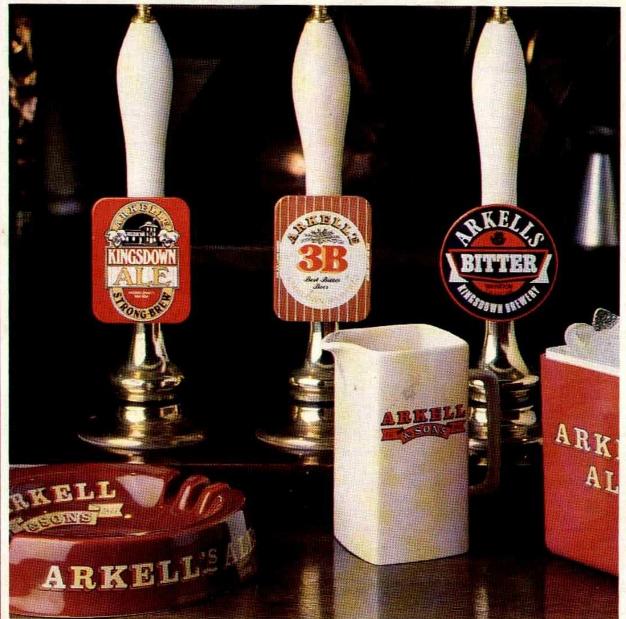
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August 19th 1989. We lose 2-0 to Sunderland on a hot sunny day. 45 games later on another hot and sunny day a draw at Stoke is good enough to take us into the play-offs again. In between times there has been plenty of great action and some not so good. Highs and lows, but it has rarely been dull.

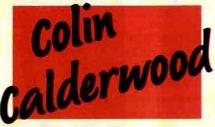
son, a poor start - one win in the first seven games, didn't with a cap to cover his ever auger well. The seventh thinning head. game versus Leeds saw us soundly beaten 4-0 but that Kerslake, goes forward like was the day I feel we started Carlos Alberto but gets back to believe in ourselves. We didn't play that badly, a couple of mistakes and some strange refereeing decisions overshadowed some neat play which nearly put us back in the game. It wasn't to be, not that day - but from there we must have gained something to win seven of the next nine League games. That was the base to chase a place in the top six which, at the beginning of March. might have been a lot better. Our results from then weren't good enough to keep us challenging for the top two. We lost too many games at home and so we find ourselves in the nailbiting playoffs again. How many of you really believed we would be there again with our change in style. I think we have shocked a few people this year. Finishing a game

at Leicester with 11 men, like Albert Steptoe. Steve White staying onside and Duncan Shearer made our midfield dynamo, who a tackle ONCE!

Alan Macloughlin emerged - in the centre circle. in his outstanding season Charlton's thoughts, not without stopping and going round in circles a few times though.

Another on the edges of Looking back at this sea- the International scene is Paul Bodin, who could do

Our other full back, David



In midfield we have Ross. covers every blade of grass

Well, finally our last game to push his way into Jack at the County Ground. Let's hope the fog stays away so you all can see what is going

> Keep cheering, we will be trying our best.





 Steve White and Steve Foley, our two goalscorers at Blackburn.

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finishing position in the League and about them to sympathise with get home advantage for the second Blackburn's near misses. leg of the play-off.

They say a week is a long time in politics. In football, it's even longer. The week preceding our last scheduled match of the season at Stoke must rank as one of the worst in the club's history, but it ended with Stanley Matthews (no less) saying that we were the best team he's seen this season. Even the Sunday People (who have been keen to say bad things about the club all season) said we would grace the First Division. Of course, they are right.

Ouite how we failed to beat a poor Stoke side when we produced such stylish football is beyond me. I suppose it was the combination of the usual early goal and wayward finishing which gave Stoke their luckiest point of the season. Once again Messrs Kerslake and McLoughlin put in brilliant performances.

Point or no point, Stoke were obviously doomed long before the last day of the season. But what a pity that such a club - with a ground good enough for the First Division should find itself in the Third. Despite the terrible season Stoke had had, the support they were able to generate showed us another reason why I, for one, will be hoping to see them bounce back.

Most things went right on that last day of the season. They certainly did for us. Firstly, the two big Geordie clubs managed to pair up in the play-off line up, which has to be good news. Compared to the trip to Newcastle or Sunderland, even travelling to Blackburn seems like a home game! We also managed to reach our highest-ever

A great day out at Stoke was marred by two things. Firstly, gangs of thugs from Leeds - whom I won't call football supporters - managed to spoil the season for thousands of real fans by what can only be described as an invasion of Bournemouth. Ouite obviously, the match was used as an excuse to wreak havoc. Leeds provided video screens so that those without tickets could still watch the match, but those without tickets still went along, knowing they would not be allowed will at least have one thing to show in and not wanting to see the football anyway. I do not believe that there was anything Leeds United Football Club could have done to stop it.

It will be interesting to see what punishment the football bosses hand out. In view of their monumental blunder in refusing to re-schedule the match, we might just see them resist what they normally do and punish the innocent supporters.

The day was also a black one because Luton Town avoided relegation to the Second Division with another of their Houdini acts. Luton may well be celebrating, but what used to be the finest League in the world is still tarnished by a club that is an insult to all football fans.

But let us forget the depressing things about football for at least one day. Today could be another glory day for Swindon Town with Blackburn Rovers standing between us and a day at Wembley and possibly our first ever season in the First Division. It's really a pity that if we are to progress further, it will have to be at the expense of Blackburn Rovers. As regular play-off qualifiers ourselves we know enough

I know of no set-up, in any sport, where there is a system as unfair as the play-offs. We will be hoping for a repeat of the day we won the Third Division play-offs with a win over Gillingham. The unfairness of the system was nearly brought home then when we came close to losing. We had finished miles above Gillingham and they even had the cheek to say they deserved it more. You have only to look at where they are now to see what in injustice so nearly came about.

Whatever the result today, we for it - a respectable attendance. And it's at this point that I have a message for all those people here tonight who might be making their first or perhaps their second visit of the season. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

Why not make a habit of it next season? We certainly have the players and the management here now to prove that anything is possible . . . as I hope we will see



• The in-form Paul Bodin who produced another good display at Blackburn.





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When the Football League introduced the play-off system in 1986/ 87 it was no new idea, but merely a rehash of a system that they had operated some ninety years earlier - when games which decided promotion and relegation issues were known as the 'Test' Matches.

Both Swindon Town - then operating in the Southern League - and Blackburn Rovers were involved in Test Matches

### SUSPICIONS

The Football League shelved the idea after 1898 when two clubs. Stoke and Burnley, knew that by drawing their final games they would both preserve their First Division status. Suspicions were aroused following the 0-0 scoreline and automatic promotion and relegation was thus introduced.

Blackburn took part in those last ever Football League Test Matches. Rovers, fighting to stay in the First Division, defeated Newcastle 4-3 at Ewood Park but went down 0-4 in the return.

But they retained their place when the League decided to extend both its First and Second Divisions by two clubs. Nearly fifty years had passed before Blackburn suffered relegation for the first time, in 1936.

Swindon Town were involved in Southern League Test Matches three times and although on each occasion it was as the bottom-placed club in the First Division, they always avoided the drop.

Gillingham, who faced the Town in the Third Division play-off final in 1987, were their first opponents in a Test Match back in 1895. The Kent club was then known as New Brompton.

## ONE PENNY

The match was staged at Reading, who then played at Caversham Cricket Ground, reached by a ferry across the Thames at the grand cost of one old penny! The boat trip obviously did not agree with the Swindon players, as they suffered a 5-1 defeat.

Again an extension of the Division was the saviour. The Town then avoided the bottom places for six years until 1901, when they made a return trip to Reading to face Brent-

This time the game ended goalless. Extra time was played but, in true Test Match fashion, 'bad light stopped play' before the end. No replay was ever staged. Brentford went up and Swindon stayed up.

made their last appearance in the Test Matches. For the third time Reading was the venue, but the

### DRAMA

More drama followed. At Gillingham an 82nd-minute goal from David Smith spoilt a good night's work by the Town, but worse was to come. lust seventeen minutes into the second leg, a fearsome volley from Karl Elsey put the Gills 2-0 ahead on aggregate. Fortunately, Coyne and 'super-sub' Charlie Henry Twelve months later, the Town levelled the scores and a third meeting, at Selhurst Park, was necessary.

There, it was an uphill struggle opponents were Fulham. A 3-1 win for Gillingham from the moment ensured that Swindon remained a Steve White put Swindon ahead in

# Passing Back



# Paul Plowman

First Division club on merit.

Returning to the 1987 play-offs, there was the matter of disposing of Wigan Athletic prior to the final. And when Chris Thompson and David Lowe had the Town trailing 2-0 after only fifteen minutes at Springfield Park, few would have given them any hope of progressing.

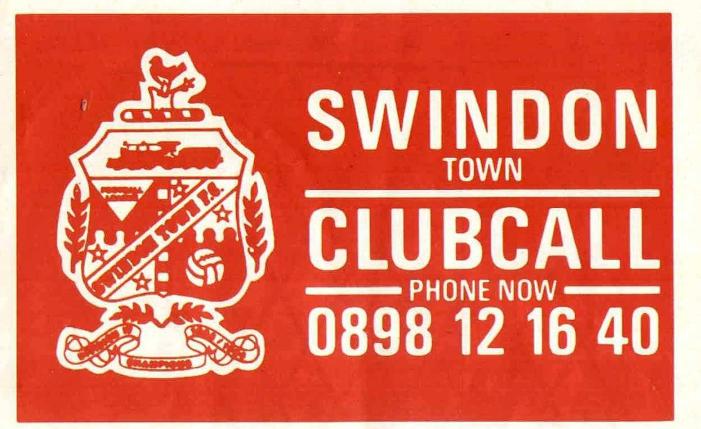
With twenty minutes left, the score was the same but goals from Dave Bamber (72) Jimmy Quinn (80) and Peter Coyne (88) sealed a dramatic 3-2 victory. A 0-0 draw at that one of them has to fail again the County Ground saw Swindon today. through.

the second minute and he put the seal on the victory with an opportunist second in the 65th.

After taking four points from Swindon in April 1988, Blackburn prompted in midfield by Ossie Ardiles - reached the Second Division play-offs. But they went down 6-1 on aggregate to Chelsea.

Last season, the Rovers were there again as were the Town. Both faced Crystal Palace - and both failed by one goal. It is a great pity





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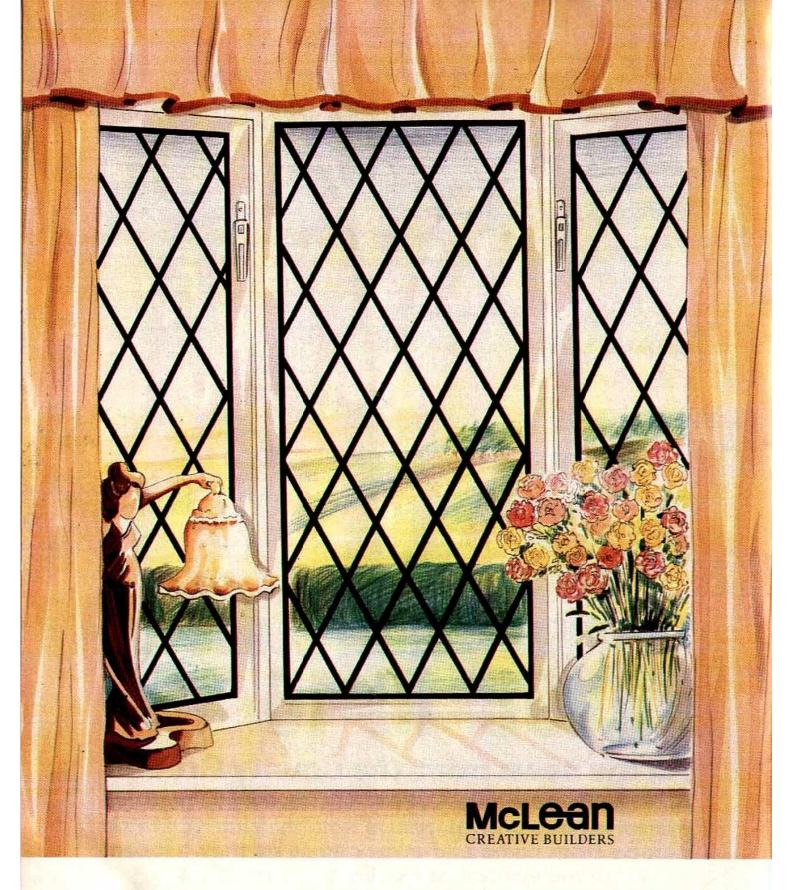
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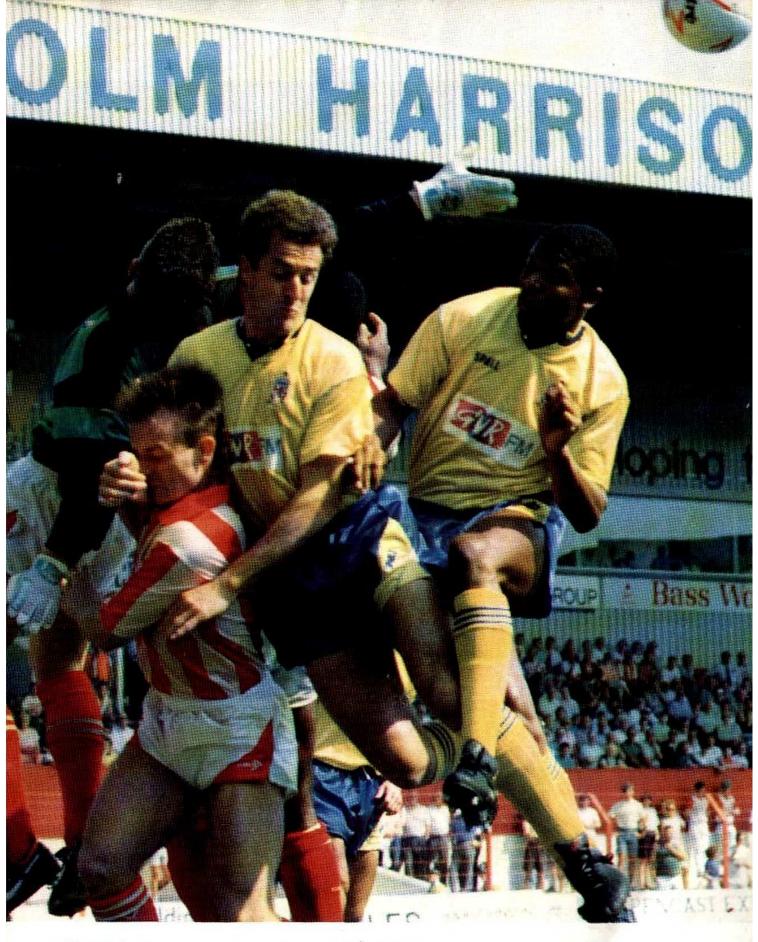
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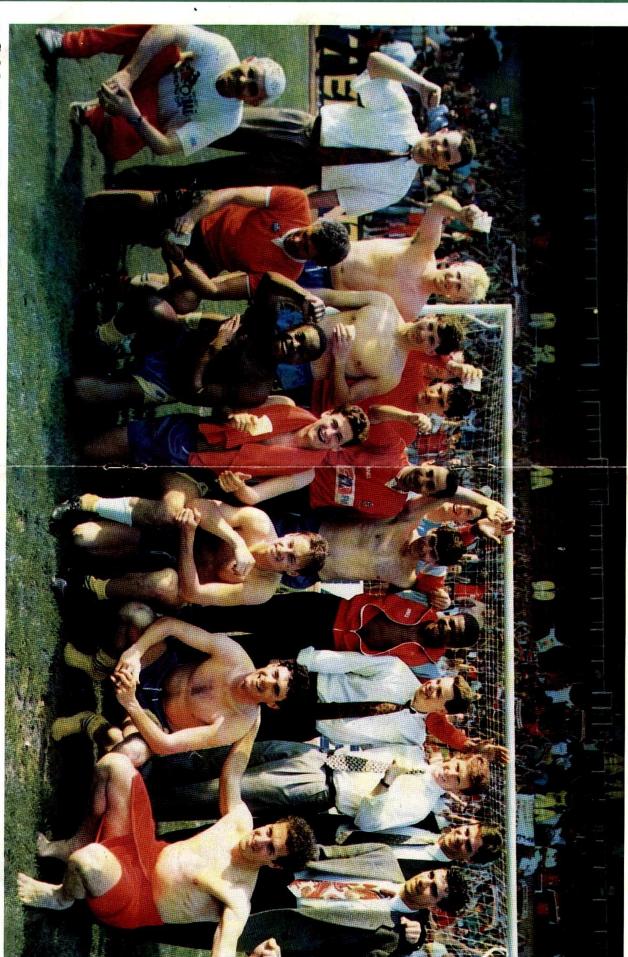


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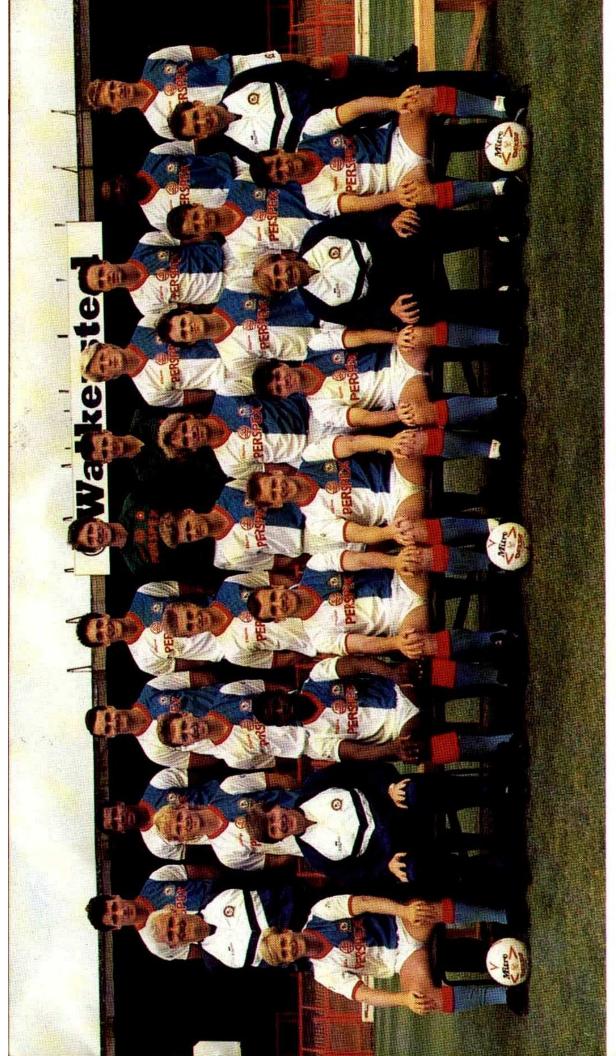


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# BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Back Row (left to right): Frank Stapleton, Howard Gayle, Mark Atkins, Andy Kennedy, Terry Gennoe, Darren Collier, Colin Hendry (now Manchester City). Keith Hill, Tony Finnigan, John Millar. Middle Row (left to right): Jim Furnell (Reserve/Team Manager), David May, Jason Wilcox, Craig Skinner, Neil Oliver, David Mail, Tony Diamond (now Blackpool), Scott Sellars, David Hall (Youth Team Coach).

Front Row (left to right): Ronnie Hildersley, Don Mackay (Manager), Leonard Johnrose, Nicky Reid, Ally Dawson, Chris Sulley, Tony Parkes (Assistant Manager), Simon Garner.

# TEAM NEWS

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# Welcome to

# **BLACKBURN ROVERS**

GOALKEEPERS - Former Middlesbrough keeper Darren Collier, took over the custodians position for the final game Rovers played in September and he has shared with Terry Gennoe the number I spot since then Prior to this season his only game had been his debut at Ipswich on May 13th last year. Terry Gennoe, is a veteran of 411 League appearances, made with Bury, Halifax Town and Southampton. Nearly 283 of those have been made with Blackburn Rovers. Terry played against us in the first leg.

Life has been like one hard luck story after another for Blackburn Rovers these past four years. After missing promotion by a mere three points, Rovers have qualified for the play-offs for the past three seasons. The Ewood Park Club lost its First Division status in 1966.

DEFENDERS - Mark Atkins, joined Rovers from Scunthorpe United for £45,000 in the summer of 1988. Ever-present last season and up to just before Christmas this season. Chris Sulley, cost Rovers a small fee from Dundee United. He began his career with Chelsea.

but made nearly 250 senior appearances for A.F.C. Bournemouth. Central defender Keith Hill, began his career in the Chub's youth teams. He had made only sixteen League appearances before this season. David Mail, made his League debut against the Town last season. David shared the number 6 shirt in the early part of this season with the now departed Colin Hendry. Another product of Rovers youth scheme. Alistair Dawson, spent twelve seasons with Glasgow Rangers before joining the Ewood Park Club in 1987. Nominated as substitute for the first six match of this season. Len Johnrose. scored his first League goal after appearing as a second half substitute in the home 2-2 draw with Ipswich Town on November 11th Justin Skinner, made 73 League appearances for Fulham until he moved North in the close season. Justin has been restricted to substitute appearances this season.

During Don Mackay's first season as Manager, Blackburn Rovers enjoyed an unbeaten run of 23 matches, as they drew level with Aston Villa at the top of the Second Division. MIDFIELD - John Millar, joined Rovers for a minimal fee from Chelsea in 1988. Made 38 League appearances last season and is also a regular this season. Former Leeds United player Scott Sellars, joined Rovers for £25,000 in 1986. Ever-present last season and also this term. Scored two of Rovers goals in the 5-4 defeat of West Ham United on November 25th. Team Captain, Nicky Reid, joined Rovers on a free transfer from Manchester City after making 217 League appearances for the Maine Road Club in a decade of service to City. Ron Hildersley, has spent his career with clubs in the North West. After commencing his career with Manchester City he later played for Chester City, Rochdale and Preston North End before joining the Ewood Park Club. Ron also had a loan spell with Cambridge United while he was at Deepdale.

Blackburn Rovers cherish the record of being the last Club to win the F.A. Cup three seasons in succession. That was way back in 1884-85-86. Rovers have won the Trophy on six occasions. The Ewood Park Club have twice won the League Championship.

FORWARDS - Simon Garner, had scored 153 goals for Rovers prior to this season. A hat-trick against Manchester City last season saw him break Tommy Briggs aggregate of 140 goals, a new Club record. Simon once scored all five goals in a Second Division clash with Derby County. Simon scored in Rovers 4-3 defeat at the County Ground this season. Frank Stapleton, was signed on a free transfer from French Club Le Havre. The Eire International, who spent several seasons in the top flight with Arsenal and Manchester United, has been ever-present in Rovers attack this season, although goals have been difficult to come by. Set for the World Cup Finals in Italy next summer. Andy Kennedy, was a £50,000 signing from Birmingham City in the summer of 1988. Although unable to claim a regular place in Rovers line-up this season he scored against us in the first leg last Sunday. Fony Finnigan, joined Rovers from Crystal Palace where he made 105 League appearances in the Selhurst Park Club's senior team. Howard Gayle, had played for Liverpool, Birmingham City, Sunderland and Stoke City before moving to Ewood Park in 1987. Howard has also spent loan spells with Fulham and Newcastle United while he was Anfield Scored 19 League goals for Rovers last season. Alan Irvine, was formerly with Oueens Park Rangers and Dundee United He interspersed this spell with Scottish Clubs by playing for both Everton and Crystal Palace before joining Rovers in October.

Blackburn Rovers are one of only four teams this season to score three goals against Swindon at the County Ground. The others are Bolton Wanderers in the Littlewoods Cup and A.F.C. Bournemouth & Hull City in the League.

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For this edition of the matchday magazine, the last column before the summer break, a chance to consider our normal schedules on GWRFM, red hot radio for the 1990's, Monday to Friday.

It's my 'pleasure' to get up in the wee small hours to cohost the breakfast show with Simon Cooper from 6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. There's essential early morning information. news, the three-day weather check, travel every 20 minutes, much more music, a review of the newspapers, sport at 7.00 and 8.00 a.m., the sticker spotter competition, 'Golden Groove' quiz at 8.50 a.m., testing your lyrical knowledge for cash prizes and much more.

Peter Rowell is 'on-the-air' for the next three hours with hits from a mystery year at 9.30 a.m., magazine watch, flicking through the pages of the glossy publications fifteen minutes later, radio bingo, first date love and

new releases for us to play.

Like everyone else, with- at midday. He's on the soapbox soon afterwards and anybody on any subject. at 1.30 p.m. invites you to identify three record being

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> Swindon Saturday soccer ready for an argument with reporter Gary Vincent is your drive-time host: 3.00-The 'Stop the Single' contest 6.00 p.m. with the chance to win tickets to some of the big matches and hottest shows at 3.30 p.m., the Soap Supremo (Coronation Street, Eastenders. Neighbours. etc.) an hour later the Gig Guide at 5.30 p.m. and News Quiz (who, what, where of current affairs) at 5.45 p.m., where the jackpot prize increases daily.

> > Until Thursday, it's Andy Westgate's Wall of Sound from 6.00 - 10.00 p.m., but on Friday we move into the weekend mode with sport, Sandy Martin's Disco-Trekkin, and the CD chart with Julia Simpson, before linking up with GWRFM's Superstation for overnight music and entertainment.

All change at the weekend when presenters include David Hamilton, Benny Brown, Pat Sharp, Johnnie Walker, Jimmy Saville and David Jensen.

There's usually something special on Bank Holiday's as well on GWRFM, the station with more chances to win. We hope our red hot radio broadcasts on Monday 28th May will be from Wembley, but that's still just a dream at the moment.

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The Travel Club A.G.M. is to be held on Monday 13th August at 8.00 p.m. in the Supporters Club and all members will be notified before hand.

Throughout the close season the Travel Club office will be open every Thursday evening from 7.30–10.00 p.m. for the renewal of membership cards and all information regarding pre-season friendlies will be posted on the Travel Club notice board.

If any member wishes to contact a committee member for any information please ring Mrs. Sheila Large on Swindon 518034 or Janet Smith on (0453) 883051.

The Bookshop will also be open on Thursday evenings, through the close season, from 7.30 p.m. -10.00 p.m.

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Tue Sept. 19 Shrewsbury (LCR1)	3-0	3.518 Digby	Hockaday	King	McL'ahlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer*•	Bodin	Maclaren	Simpsont	Close*(8) Galvin†(11)
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Sat Sept. 30 Bradford City	1-1	8,334 Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlint	Calderwood	Cittens	Jones	Shearer	Bodin	Maclaren	Galvin*	Simpson*(11) White†●(4)
Sat Oct. 3 Shrewsbury (LC R1) 7.45 Sat Oct. 7 Hull City	3-1	5,541 Digby 5,366 Digby	Hockaday Hockaday	King*	Jones* McLoughline	Calderwood Calderwood		Bodin† Bodin	Shearer Shearer	White White	Maclaren Maclaren	Simpson Simpson	McLighlin*(4) Close*(7) Jones*(3) Close
Sat Oct. 14 Ipswich Town	3-0	8,039 Digby	Hockaday Hockaday	King		Calderwood		lones	Shearer•	White	Maclaren	Bodin*	Cornwell*(11) Galvin
Sat Oct. 21 Leicester City	3-0	10,715 Digby 8,547 Digby	Hockaday	King		Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Jones	Hunt† Hunt	White White	Maclaren Maclaren	Bodin* Bodin	Cornwell*(11) Galvin†(8) Cornwell Gittens
Tue Oct. 24 Bolton Wers (LCR3) 7.45 Wed Nov. 1 Brighton & Hove Albion	3-3	8,318 Digby 8,070 Digby	Hockaday† Hockaday	King*		Calderwood Calderwood		Bodin* Iones†	Shearer●	White White	Maclaren●	Simpson	Hunt*(7) Jones*(2)
Sat Nov. 4 Stoke City	6-0	7.825 Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	McLoughlin•	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer Shearer	White	Maclaren  Maclaren	Simpson Simpson	Bodin*(3) Hunt*(7) Cornwell Hunt
Tue Nov. 7 Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45 Sat Nov. 11 Middlesbrough	2-0	11,533 Digby 13,720 Digby	Hockaday* Cornwell	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Jones	Shearer•	White†	Maclaren Maclaren	Simpson Simpson*	Cornwell*(2) Hunt*(9) Close Galvin*(11)
Tue Nov. 14 Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45	1-1	14.129 Digby	Cornwell	Bodin	McLoughlint	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White*	Maclaren	Simpson	Close*(9) Galvin†(4)
Sat Nov. 18 Port Vale (F.A. Cup 1) Tue Nov. 21 Bolton Wers (LC R3) 7.45	0-2 2-1	7,393 Digby 11,238 Digby	Cornwell*	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Foley	Shearer Shearer	White*	Maclaren  Maclaren	Simpson	Close*(9) Foley*(2) Galvin*(2) Close*(9)
Sun Nov. 26 Portsmouth 3pm	2-2	10.438 Diaby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White	Maclaren*	Simpson	Foley*(10) Cornwell
Wed Nov. 29 Southampton (LCR4) 7.45 Sat Dec. 2 Sunderland	0-0	15,085 Digby 15,849 Digby	Kerslake* Kerslake	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin McLoughlin  McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Jones	Shearer Shearer	White†	Maclaren* Maclaren	Foley*	Cornwell*(2) Simpson†(9) Cornwell*(11) Simpson†(9)
Tue Dec. 5 A.F.C. Bournemouth	2-3	7,326 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake*	Bodin•	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Foleyt	Simpsont(11) Cornwell
Sun Dec. 10 Sheffield Utd (FA C 2) 3pm Wed Dec. 13 Millwall (ZDSC) 7.45	0-2 2-1	3.223 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Jones	Shearer Shearer	White White	Maclaren Maclaren	Foley*	Cornwell*(2) Hunt Cornwell*(11) Hunt
Sun Dec. 17 West Bromwich Albion	2-1	9.884 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin●	McLoughlin McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jonest	Shearer	White.	Maclaren	Foley	Cornwell*(11) Hunt Cornwell*(9) Galvin*(7)
Tue Dec. 26 Blackburn Rovers 3pm Sat Dec. 30 Newcastle United	1-1	8,426 Digby 11,657 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Jones	Shearer  Shearer  Shearer	White White	Maclaren Maclaren	Foley• Foley•	Cornwell Hockaday*(11)
Mon Jan. 1 Watford Sat Jan. 6 Bristol City (F.A. Cup 3)	2-0	13,708 Digby 17,488 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin	McLighlinee	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones*	Shearer Shearer●	White White	Maclaren Maclaren	Foley*	Comwell (7) Hockaday Comwell Hockaday*(7)
Sat Jan. 13 Oldham Athletic	3-2	7.742 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin*	Calderwood	Gittens	Jonest	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Foley	Comwellt(7) Close
Tue Jan. 16 Southampton (LCR4 Replay) Sat Jan. 20 Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-4	19,014 Digby 17,210 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin		Calderwood Calderwood		Jones† Jones	Shearer Shearer	White• White•	Maclaren Maclaren	Foley Foleyt	Cornwell (1) Close Cornwell Hockaday*(11)
Wed Jan. 24 Norwich City (ZDSC 7.45)	4-1	5.314 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin●	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer•	White•	Maclaren	Foley	Hockaday Close
Sun Feb. 4 Leeds United Sat Feb. 10 Barnsley	3-2	16,209 Digby 7,179 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin		Calderwood Calderwood		lones lones*	Shearer Shearer	White White!	Maclaren  Maclaren	Foley• Foley	Hockaday Hunt Cornwell*(7) Close*(9)
Tue Feb. 13 Crystal Palace (ZDSC)	0-1	6.024 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Foley	Hockaday Cornwell
Sun Feb. 18 West Ham Utd Sat Feb. 24 Portsmouth	2-2	16,105 Digby 10,300 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin		Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Iones	Shearer Shearer	White• White	Maclaren  Maclaren	Foley	Hockaday Close Hockaday Simpson†(9)
Sat Mar. 3 Port Vale	3-0	8.314 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer•	White•	Maclaren	Foley	H'aday†(10) Simpson*(11)
Tue Mar. 6 Bradford City 7.45 Sat Mar. 10 Plymouth Arcyle	3-1	8,483 Digby 8,364 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood		lones lones	Shearer•	White•	Maclaren Maclaren	Foley* Simpson	Hockaday†(4) Simpson*(11) Comwell Hockaday
Sat Mar. 17 Hull City	1-3	8,123 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White*	Maclaren	Simpson	Hockaday Close*(9)
Tue Mar. 20 Ipswich Town Sat Mar. 24 Oxford United	0-1	11,855 Digby 8,382 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin•	McLoughlin	Calderwood		Jones*	Shearer Shearer	White*	Maclaren  Maclaren	Simpson Simpson	Hockaday*(7) Close*(9) Comwell*(10) Close
Sat Mar. 31 Leicester City Sat Apr. 7 A.F.C. Bournemouth	1-1	8,462 Digby 7,772 Dearden	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin McLoughlin*	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson*	Hockaday*(11) Close
Tue Apr. 10 Brighton & Hove Albion 7.45	2-1	8,444 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin*	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones Jones	Shearer †	White*	Maclaren Maclaren	Simpson*	Close†(9) Cornwell*(4) Hockaday*(11) Close†(8)
Sat Apr. 14 Watford Mon Apr. 16 Blackburn Rovers	2-0	8,520 Digby 10,689 Digby	Kerslake Kerslaket	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Jones	Shearer• Shearer	White•	Maclaren Maclaren	Simpson*	Foley*(12) Close
Sat Apr. 21 West Bromwich Albion	2-1	8,495 Digby	Hockaday	Bodin•	McLoughlin	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White•	Maclaren	Foley*	Comwell†(2) Simpson*(11) Simpson†(11) Close
Wed Apr. 25 Newcastle United Sat Apr. 28 Middlesbrough	0-0	28,568 Digby 9,532 Digby	Kerslake Kerslake	Bodin Bodin	McLoughlin McLoughlin	Calderwood Calderwood		Jones Jonest	Shearer*	White• White	Maclaren Maclaren	Foley•	Cornwell Simpson Simpson†(7) Cornwell*(8)
Sat May 5 Stoke City	1-1	11,386 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlint	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer••	White	Maclaren	Foley	Simpson†(4) Cornwell*(8)
Sun Mav 13 Blackburn Rovers	2-1	15.636 Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	McLoughlin†	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	White•	Maclaren	Foley	Simpsont(4) Hockaday

# SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

	P	w	D	T.	F	A	w	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	46	16	'B	1	46	18	8	7	8	33	34	85
Sheffield United	46	14	8	4	43	27	10	8	5	35	31	85
Newcastle United	46	17	4	2	SI	26	5	10	8	29	29	80
Swindon Town	46	12	6	5	49	29	8	8	7	30	30	74
Blackburn Rovers	46	10	9	4	43	30	9	8	6	31	29	74
Sunderland	46	10	В	5	41	32	10	6	7	29	32	74
West Ham United	46	14	5	4	50	22	6	7	10	30	35	72
Oldham Athletic	46	15	7	1	50	23	4	7	12	20	34	71
Ipswich Town	46	13	7	3	38	22	- 6	5	12	29	44	69
Wolverhampton Wanderers	46	12	5	6	37	20	6	8	9	30	40	67
Port Vale	46	11	9	3	37	20	4	7	12	25	37	61
Portsmouth	46	9	8	6	40	34	6	8	9	22	31	61
Leicester City	46	10	8	5	34	29	5	6	12	33	50	59
Hull City	46	7	8	8	27	31	7	8	8	31	34	58
Watford	46	11	6	6	41	28	3	9	11	17	32	57
Plymouth Argyle	46	9	8	6	30	23	5	5	13	28	40	55
Oxford United	- 46	8	7	8	35	31	7	2	14	22	35	54
Brighton & Hove Albion	46	10	6	7	28	27	5	3	15	28	45	54
Barnsley	46	7	9	7	22	23	6	6	11	27	48	54
West Bromwich Albion	46	6	8	9	35	37	6	7	10	32	34	51
Middlesbrough	46	10	3	10	33	29	3	8	12	19	34	50
A.F.C. Bournemouth	46	8	6	9	30	31	4	6	13	27	45	48
Bradford City	46	9	6	8	26	24	0	8	15	18	44	41
Stoke City	46	4	11	8	20	24	2	8	13	15	39	37

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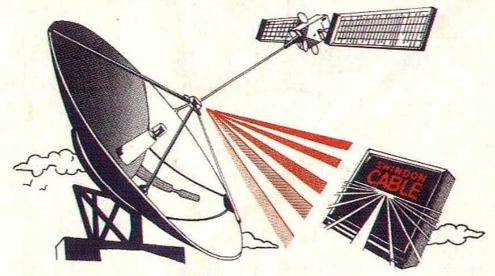
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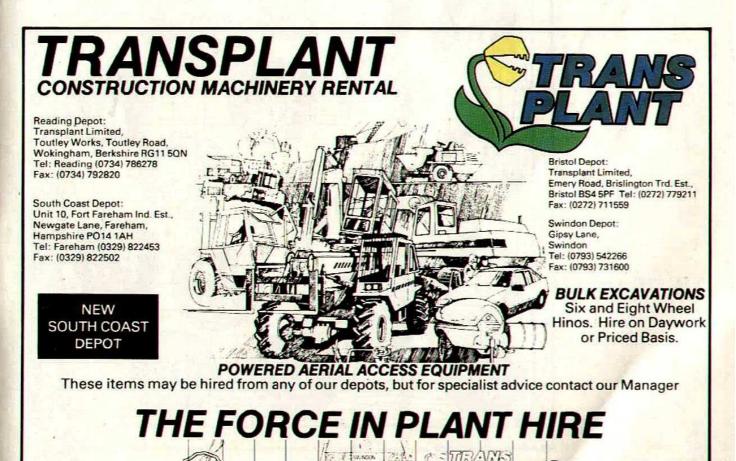
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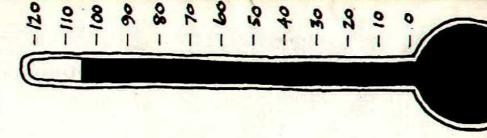
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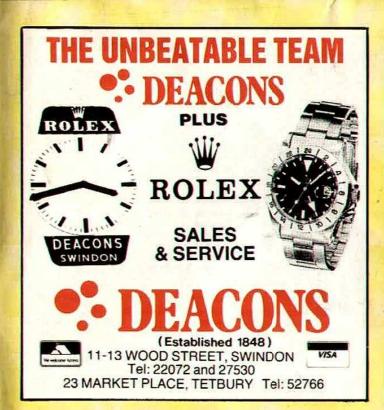
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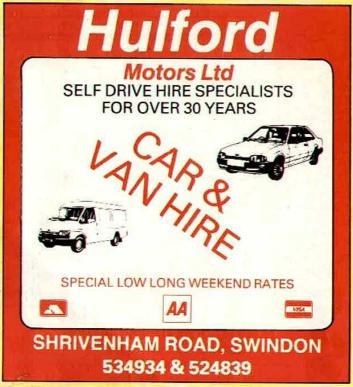
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# RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	38	26	6	5	84	51	84
Tottenham Hotspur	38	25	6	7	93	47	81
Chelsea	38	22	6	10	78	47	72
Millwall	38	20	11	7	58	36	71
Norwich City	38	20	7	11	66	41	67
Wimbledon	38	18	9	11	69	46	63
West Ham United	38	18	7	13	83	59	61
Oxford United	38	16	9	13	73	58	57
Brighton & Hove Albion	38	15	6	17	52	66	51
Portsmouth	38	12	13	13	47	57	49
Swindon Town	38	15	3	20	58	68	48
Luton Town	38	13	8	17	68	70	47
Queens Park Rangers	38	14	5	19	65	93	47
Crystal Palace	38	11	10	17	56	50	43
Southampton	38	10	12	16	45	58	42
Ipswich Town	38	12	5	31	60	75	41
Watford	38	11	0	19	59	79	41
Reading	38	11	В	19	64	86	41
Charlton Athletic	38	11	.6	21	49	70	39
Fulham	38	4	7	27	25	95	19

# SUMMARY OF THE SEASON

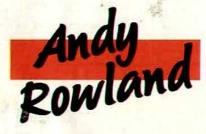
This year has been a real topsyturvey affair, typical of reserve team football. We never managed to go more than three games undefeated, yet at the same time never lost more than three in a row. Our open style of play this year occassionally saw us vulnerable in defence. probably explaining the sequence of results and also the reason for us drawing only three games all season.

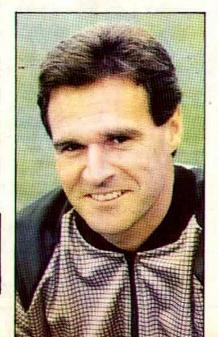
This years reserve team has consisted of a nice balance of vouth and experience. The majority of the time we've had four or five seasoned pros, a handful of young players and the rest made up from the youth team. All credit must go to the · likes of Dave Hockaday, John Cornwell, Shaun Close and Mark Tones for the help to the younger players and for their commitment and attitude when they have played in the side.

This season has been the first that has seen Ady Viveash operating as a central defender and his form has been really encouraging whilst Paul Trollope has made the step from the youth team to the reserves. earned himself a professional contract and must now look to

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Date 1989			Opponents		Result
Wed	Aug	23	Portsmouth	2.00	H 2-0
Sat	Aug	26	Southampton	3.00	A 1-0
Tue		29	West Ham United	2.00	H 3-1
Sat	Sep	2	Wimbledon	3.00	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
Tue	bep	5	Oxford United	2.00	H 0-4
Wed		13	Fulham	2.00	H 5-0
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Wed		27	Chelsea	2.00	100
Mon	Oct	2	Millwall	2.00	A 0-5 H 3-1
Tue	Oct	10			The same of the sa
Wed		18	Queens Park Rangers Crystal Palace	2.00	H 1-2
Mon		23	Millwall	2.00	A 1-2 A 0-3
Tue		31	Luton Town	2.00	- 15 St 10 St.
Tue	Nov	7	Wimbledon	7.30	H 2-0
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Thu		23	Arsenal	2.00	A 4-2
Tue		28	Charlton Athletic	7.30	H 0-1
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Sat	Dec	9	Brighton & Hove Albion West Ham United	7.30	The same of the sa
Sai Tue		12		2.00	A 1-5
Tue		19	Portsmouth	7.00	A 0-0
1989		19	Crystal Palace	7.30	H 2-3
Tue	Jan	9	Watford	7.30	H 1-1
Tue		16	Reading	7.30	H 2-4
Wed		24	Brighton & Hove Albion	7.15	A 2-0
Sat		27	Watford	3.00	A 1-1
Tue		30	Chelsea	7.30	H -
Fri	Feb	2	Norwich City	7.30	A 3-2
Tue	1 Torres	6	Tottenham Hotspur	7.30	H 1-0
Wed		14	Oxford United	7.30	A 3-0
Sat		17	Arsenal	3.00	A 3.2
Tue		20	Southampton	7.30	
Wed		28	Fulham	2.00	
Sat	Mar	10	Luton Town	2.00	A 2-2
Tue	240740	13	Ipswich Town	7.30	21
Tue		20	Charlton Athletic	7.30	H 0-1
Wed		28	Reading	2.00	A 1-2
Tue	Apr	3	Norwich City	7.30	H 3-2
Tue		24	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	A 1-0

next season to continue his hard work and force himself into the





The likes of Paul Hunt and Nicky Summerbee must also fringes of the first team squad. attempt to get themselves back in the managers thoughts which can only be done with hard work and consistency of performance.

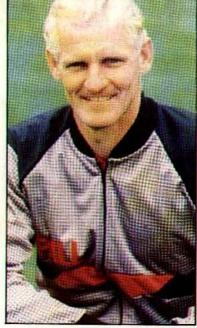
The fact that the reserve side is hardly ever the same from week to week is reflected in the fact that we've used six goalkeepers throughout the season, three on loan players Peterson (Luton) and Howells & Dearden both from Tottenham Hotspur plus our own Nicky Hammond, Paul Thompson and Ryan Lovegrove.

The fact that we've had a mixed season could also in some ways be down to disruptions such as these, but we can be reasonably pleased with our mid-table finish.

To all the players that have been involved, particularly when we've had to field practically the youth side, thanks for your efforts this season.

# SOUTH EAST COUNTIES v COLCHESTER UNITED Saturday 21st April 1990 Result: Won 6-1

Two goals in the first six minutes set us up for our best win of the season. A good move involving Richard Walker, Paul Trollope and Liam Dixon ended with Walker putting us ahead Darren Hall's through ball caught Colchester square. Dixon going through for number two. Within the first twenty minutes Dixon crossed from the left and fortunately dropped in at the far post to put us three up. A missed penalty ruined a superb first twenty minutes. A good right wing move saw Walker cross for Dixon to complete his hat-trick with a fine header. A lapse in defence let Colchester pull a goal back shortly after but Robert Spence beat a square defence to a through ball to score the fifth at the second attempt. A good shot from Paul Trollope near the end was only half saved by the 'keeper and substitute Marcus Phillips tapped in the sixth. A very good first twenty minutes



# John Trollope

	OUTH	EAST	COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM SI	EASON 1989	
Date 1989			Opponents		Resul
Sat	Aug	19	Reading	11 am	H 1-1
Sat		26	Oxford United	11 6111	A 0-3
Sat	Sep	2	Wimbledon	11 am	H 0-3
Sat		16	Tottenham Hotspur	llam	H 3-0
Sat		23	Aldershot		A 3-2
Sat		30	A.F.C. Bournemouth		A 3-1
Sat	Oct	7	Luton Town	11 am	H 1-2
Sat		14	Colchester United	The same	A 0-2
Sat		21	Wimbledon		A 0-0
Sat		28	Brighton & Hove Albion	11 am	H 1-0
Sat	Nov	4	Northampton Town	11 am	H 2-3
Sat		11	Southampton	11 am	H 1-1
Sat		18	Bristol City		A 2-1
Sat		25	Crystal Palace		A 1-2
Sat	Dec	2	Bristol Rovers		A 3-2
Sat		9	Brentford		H 2-1
Sat		16	Tottenham Hotspur		A 0-1
1990					
Sat	jan	6	Reading		A 0-2
Sat		13	Oxford United	11 am	H 0-5
Sat		20	Wimbledon		A -
Sat		27	Aldershot	11 am	H 1-5
Sat	Feb	3	Colchester United	12 noon	H -
Sat		10	A.F.C. Bournemouth	11 am	H 1-3
Sat		17	Brighton & Hove Albion		A 0-4
Sat	1	24	Brentford		A 4-0
Sat	Mar	3	Bristol City	11 am	H 0-2
Sat		10	Bristol Rovers		A 2-3
Sat		17	Luton Town		A 4-0
Sat		24	Southampton		A 0-1
Sat		31	Crystal Palace	11 am	H 0-1
Sat	Apr	7	Northampton Town		A 0-0
Sat		24	Colchester	H 6-1	

	SO	UTH	EAST COUNTIES LEAG	UE CUP 1989/90	
Date 1989 Sat			Opponents		Result
Sat	Sep	9	Portsmouth	11 am	H 2-3

			MIDLAND YOUTH CUP FIN.	AL
First Date 1990	Leg		Opponents	Result
Mon	May	7	Leicester City	H 0 1

scoring three, set up this win. Some good finishing and that bit of luck allowed us to complete our League season on a high note.

## **ALLIED COUNTIES V BRACKNELL** (Play-Offs) Monday 23rd April 1990 Result: Won 4-2

This, our first game of the play-offs. started slowly and never really took off, both sets of players finding the bumpy conditions hard to overcome. Bracknell showed more appetite to play but missed chances limited us to a Robert Spence goal lead at the interval.

Bracknell deservedly equalised two minutes into the second half from a right wing cross which we failed to clear. Against the run of play two long range efforts by Darren Hall and Richard Walker gave us a three one advantage only for Bracknell to pull a goal back to stay in the game. Ian Howell's through ball gave Spence the chance to restore our two goal advantage near the end.

This result flattered us, lack of real appetite for the game, with little thought saw us make hard work of a game we should have won comfortably.

**FA YOUTH CUP** Result Mon Oct 30 Porstmouth H 2-3 7 pm

# SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	25	20	4	1	58	17	44
Oxford United	23	16	2	5	57	26	34
Southampton	28	13	8	7	41	33	34
Northampton Town	27	13	6	8	44	32	3
Wimbledon	26	13	5	8	50	24	31
Colchester United	29	14	2	13	47	42	30
Reading	28	12	5	11	41	31	29
Brighton & Hove Albion	25	12	3	10	41	33	27
Luton Town	26	9	9	8	35	42	27
A.F.C. Bournemouth	28	10	6	12	45	43	26
Bristol Rovers	28	12	2	14	47	59	26
Bristol City	28	11	3	14	38	38	25
Tottenham Hotspur	30	10	2	18	38	57	22
Brentford	27	7	6	14	39	47	20
Swindon Town	29	8	4	17	31	56	20
Aldershot	27	3	1	23	25	97	7

	so	UTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP	
Date 1989 Mon Sep		Opponents	Result
Mon Sep	11	West Bromwich Albion	A 0-2

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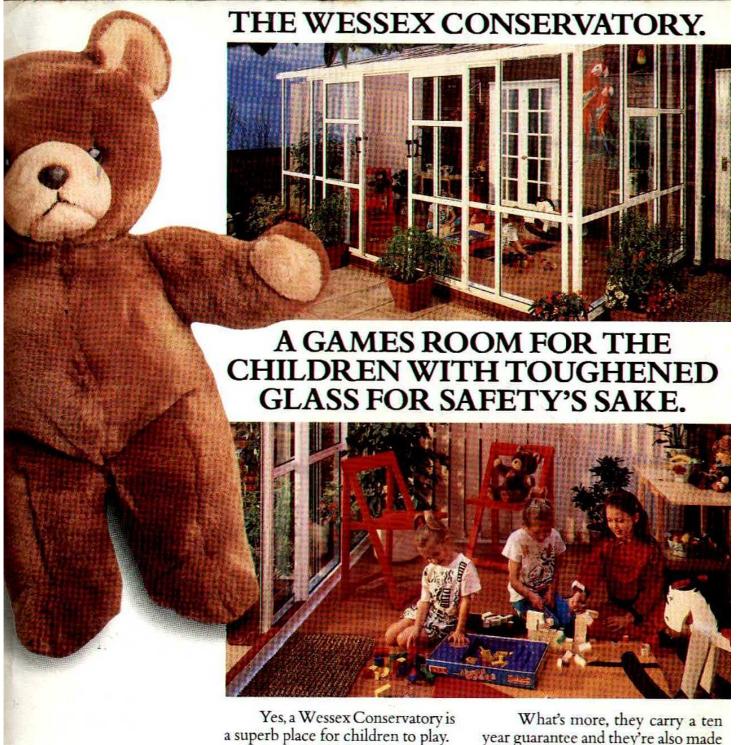


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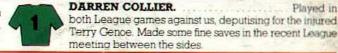
# **BLACKBURN** ROVERS

Manager. Colours:

Don Mackay Blue & White

Has played in all 8 of Swindon's previous play-off games against Wigan, Gillingham, Crystal Palace and Blackburn

Ossie Ardiles



DARREN COLLIER. both League games against us, deputising for the injured

DAVID KERSLAKE. Is getting his first taste of play-off action this season. Has been one of the Town's outstanding players since his arrival from Queens Park Rangers



MARK ATKINS. ..... The only player on view tonight who has played for two different clubs in play-off matches, having played for Scunthorpe against Torquay in 1988.

PAUL BODIN. . Has had a brilliant season, quickly settling in at left-back following Phil King's departure.



ALLY DAWSON.

Only recently



returned to the side. Hasn't previously appeared for Rovers in the play-offs

ALAN McLOUGHLIN. 18 goals from midfield this season. Also capped by the Republic of Ireland. Will be looking to add victory in the play-offs to his list of achievements.



NICKY REID.

The former Manchester City midfielder makes his eighth appearance in

the play-offs for Rovers tonight

COLIN CALDERWOOD. level with Fraser Digby on eight play-off appearances. including the first leg, the highest total in the football League.



KEITH HILL. . Was on the bench for Rovers first-ever match in the play-offs, against Chelsea in 1988, along with Town manager Ossie Archles

Scored at Ewood in the League encounter last month Played his first full play-off game in the first leg on Sunday.



DAVID MAIL. Rovers players to have appeared in all seven of their

and Swindon Town.

play-off matches against Chelsea, Watford, Crystal Palace Played in 44 of our 46 League games after missing the opening two

ANDY KENNEDY. Scored from the spot in the 4-3 thriller here on Boxing Day, Clinched Rovers play-off place with the goal against Brighton last

DUNCAN SHEARER. Finished with 20 League goals in 42 appearances, and also his best

through injury. Scored twice this season.

ever total of 26 in League and Cup games.



JOHN MILLAR ..... Made 39 League appearances, and scored once during the regular season.

STEVE WHITE. the 1987 Division Three play-offs, which clinched promotion for the Town against Gillingham. Hit the bar last year in the semi-final against Crystal Palace



HOWARD GAYLE. Scored twice in last year's 3-1 first leg win over Crystal Palace in the

ROSS MACLAREN. Played in all 58 League and Cup games for Swindon Town this season, and scored 5 goals.



play-off final. Rovers lost the second leg 3-0, however. SIMON GARNER. striker was once again Rovers top scorer this season.

STEVE FOLEY. . Scored the last home goal of the regular season, with the equaliser which gave the 'Town' a crucial point against Middlesbrough.



with 18 goals. Will be hoping it is third time lucky in the play-offs

SCOTT SELLARS. midfielder was Rovers second highest scorer with 18 goals. Missed the Easter Monday clash against the Town' through injury.

FITZROY SIMPSON. Has been on the bench for the last 6 matches. Has enjoyed an excellent first full season in League football

TONY FINNIGAN. The former Crystal Palace defender has spent much of this season on the bench, making just 19 appearances in total.

JOHN CORNWELL. Newcastle United defender has had only limited opportunities this season, due mainly to the excellent form of the back four



FRANK STAPLETON.

pected to link up with the Republic of Ireland squad in Malta immediately after the play-offs are over



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